excellence in sports, including issues such as the management of National Sports Federations (NSFs) and their accountability in terms of the promotion and development of their respective sport disciplines throughout the country. The draft policy recognizes the need for structural changes to address the issue of monopolistic tendencies in NSFs within the framework of the Olympic Charter. The draft policy also proposes to set up a Sports Regulatory Authority to look into such matters.

State of preparedness for Commonwealth Games

†1361. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the preparedness regarding the Commonwealth Games, 2010;

(b) the funds sought by Government of Delhi for it;

(c) the heads on which this amount would be spent;

(d) whether funds have been allocated to Delhi Government as per demand; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) A number of institutional arrangements have been made for ensuring proper planning and timely preparation for the Commonwealth Games, 2010. These include a Core Group of Minister (GOM) under the Chairmanship of the Minister for Human Resource Development for coordinating the various works related to the conduct of the Games; an Apex Committee headed by Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports for overseeing and coordinating various matters related to CWG 2010; the Organizing Committee (OC) headed by the President, Indian Olympic Association for the conduct of the Games; and a Committee of Secretaries headed by Cabinet Secretary which is responsible for monitoring the implementation of the decisions of the GOM and taking decisions on other related matters. In addition to these arrangements at the Central level, there is a sub-committee under the Chief Minister of Delhi to take decisions in respect of all matters pertaining to infrastructure and other preparations for the Games within the jurisdiction of the Government of NCT of Delhi. The Lt. Governor Delhi has been entrusted with the overall responsibility with specific reference to security, law and orders and matter coming under DDA.

The locations for the various competitions/training venues, and the major non-competition venue *viz.* International Broadcasting Centre (IBC)/Main Press Centre (MPC), have been agreed to among the stakeholders. All the stakeholders have indicated their specific time lines with reference to key milestones, *viz.,* finalization of detailed design and estimates, commencement of tendering process, award of work, commencement of work, completion of work and handing over to OC. It is expected that work on all the major sports venue infrastructure projects will commence between August-December, 2007 and the venues will be handed

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

over to the OC by the end of 2009. An Empowered Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, GNCTD with representatives from all the concerned agencies/authorities to facilitate speedy clearances in respect of the Games related projects. Another Committee has been set up by under the Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development to facilitate clearances pertaining to Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC). Keeping in view the need for developing adequate tourist accommodation in the context of the Commonwealth Games, an inter-Ministerial Task Force has been set up under the Ministry of Tourism (MoT) for monitoring and coordinating further action in this regard by all the agencies concerned. A Committee for expediting the Central Government clearance in respect of Hotels coming up in Uttar Pradesh has also been set under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

To improve the performance of the Indian contingent in Commonwealth Games, 2010, extensive discussions have been held with all the stakeholders and a programme for providing training, foreign exposure, scientific backup, equipment etc. with an estimated cost of Rs.661.00 crore has been drawn up for the elite sportspersons, who will represent India in the Commonwealth Games, 2010.

Government has approved project proposals of Sports Authority of India for an amount of Rs. 1000 crores (+ 10%) for upgradation/creation of sports venue infrastructure; upgradation of Tennis venue by All India Tennis Association at a cost of Rs. 30 crores (+ 15%) and expenditure budget of Organizing Committee on a revenue neutral basis of Rs. 767 crores (+ 15%) for 'Conduct of the Games'. The Expenditure Finance Committee has recommended the proposal of the Delhi Development Authority for Rs. 325.00 crores (+ 25%) for the International Zone etc. in the Games village (which is being developed on Public Private Partnership Mode) and sports infrastructure.

Planning Commission has approved a proposal of the Government of the NCT of Delhi for an amount of Rs. 770.00 crores. Planning Commission has also approved an amount of Rs. 110.00 crores to the Government of Maharashtra for sports infrastructure for Commonwealth Youth Games, 2008 to be held in Pune, which is a sub-event of the main Commonwealth Games 2010.

(b) and (c) The Government of NCT of Delhi has prepared an action plan of Rs. 1352 crore for spending on various heads *viz.* augmentation of facilities related to health, transport, road, horticulture, water, electricity, infrastructure etc. in the context of the Commonwealth Games 2010.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. While Rs. 770.00 crore has, been approved by the Planning Commission, the remaining funds of Rs. 582.00 crore would be met by GNCTD from their own Plan Schemes.

Making sports mandatory in educational institutions

1362. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that we have failed to produce a single Olympic gold medalist in spite of having big human resources;